

RANGE MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2019 PRIORITIES

Mission of RMAC

The mission of RMAC is to be an advocate to public agencies, promoting scientifically and economically sound policies that affect the sustainability of California's rangeland resources.

1. **Promote Beneficial Grazing and Browsing for Fuel Reduction**

Objective: *Support efforts to increase the utilization of grazing and herbivory on public & private lands, particularly in the wildland-urban interface, for vegetation management, fuel hazard reduction, and ecological goals.*

Action Items:

- 1) Determine existing grazing and browsing projects aimed at fuel reduction in California and what agencies are participating in these efforts.
 - a. Identify landowner(s) and agencies interested in applying for a fuel reduction related grant; support their grant application with staff assistance and advising by RMAC members.
- 2) Identify landowner(s) and agencies who would partner to participate in a project collecting data on using prescribed burning for rangeland health and fire prevention.
 - a. Support grant applications for this work with staff assistance and advising by RMAC members.

2. **Collect and Disseminate Contemporary Rangeland Science**

Objective: *Collect and present recent rangeland research to educate other agencies about range science and current issues.*

Action Items:

- 1) Conduct three literature reviews on three topics related to rangeland science.
 - a. Partner with range programs at California universities. Literature review may be used to inform a workshop and potential revisions to the Committee's white paper on grazing.
- 2) Host a workshop at the Natural Resources building regarding rangeland science for agency staff.
 - a. Identify a date, time, and location for the workshop; identify presenters and topics.

3. **Provide input to state/regional regulatory or policy programs relevant to rangeland health**

Objective: *Track regulatory and policy developments regarding programs that impact rangelands. Seek to maintain open lines of communication between RMAC and relevant agencies to maximize stakeholder involvement in the development of programs.*

Action Items:

- 1) Currently engaged with the regional water quality control boards on the proposed Federal Non-Point Source program.
- 2) Monitor pending legislation, regulatory packages, and policy developments which may affect rangelands.